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5. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) IRAQI FORCES ARE
BEGINNING TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN AREAS OF SOUTHERN

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IRAQ VACATED BY COALITION FORCES.

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

6. ~~(S/NF)~~ REFUGEE SITUATION. THE SAUDI BORDER. ON 22 APRIL, SAUDI
GUARDS AT THE AL SADAN REFUGEE SITE OPENED FIRE ON CIVILIANS WHO HAD
BECOME UNRULY DURING WATER DISTRIBUTION. THE SAUDIS REPORTEDLY
KILLED FOUR AND WOUNDED 28, ALL OF WHOM WERE EVACUATED. COMMENT:

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7. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE TURKISH BORDER. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

(b)(1),1.4 (c) SAID ON 22 APRIL THAT
APPROXIMATELY 468,000 KURDISH REFUGEES WERE AT THE TURKISH BORDER,
BUT THAT NO FURTHER MIGRATIONS TO THE AREA ARE EXPECTED. ANKARA
ESTIMATES THAT IT IS SPENDING FOUR DOLLARS PER REFUGEE PER DAY, OR
MORE THAN \$48 MILLION PER MONTH. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

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MAJOR POINTS

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1. ~~(S/NF)~~ RESISTANCE ATTACKS CONTINUED IN SOUTHEASTERN IRAQ.
2. ~~(S)~~ SAUDI GUARDS REPORTEDLY KILLED 4 DISPLACED CIVILIANS AND
WOUNDED 28 DURING A 22 APRIL INCIDENT AT A TEMPORARY CAMP.

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DISCUSSION

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3. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN ZAKHU, THE MAJORITY OF IRAQI FORCES HAVE VACATED
ZAKHU, (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE 200 "POLICEMEN" WHO
ARRIVED IN ZAKHU AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF MOST IRAQI UNITS (b)(1),1.4 (c)
(b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT IRAQI LOOTING AND
STRONG-ARMING CEASED ONCE US FORCES HAD ARRIVED. US FORCES
COLLECTED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ABANDONED IRAQI AMMUNITION AND SOME
EQUIPMENT IN ZAKHU ON 22 APRIL. THEY WERE OBSERVED BY IRAQI
SOLDIERS WHO MADE NO MOVE TO INTERFERE. ON 23 APRIL, HOWEVER, A
SMALL GROUP OF IRAQI SOLDIERS ARMED WITH ZPU-4 MACHINEGUNS AND

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ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADES WERE REFUSING TO VACATE THEIR POSITION
JUST SOUTH OF THE TOWN.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ STATUS OF THE UNREST. IRAQI FORCES SHELLED REBELS
SOUTHWEST OF BASRAH ON THE AFTERNOON OF 23 APRIL. THE IRANIAN PRESS
CARRIED REPORTS OF CONTINUING AND INCREASING NIGHTLY ATTACKS BY THE
REBELS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE SOUTH. (b)(1),1.4 (c)
CLAIMED THAT REBEL ATTACKS ON 21 AND 22 APRIL KILLED A NUMBER OF
TROOPS AND CAUSED OTHERS TO TAKE FLIGHT, AND THAT "POPULAR FORCES"

SEIZED A LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. THE PRESS FURTHER
REPORTED THAT "REVOLUTIONARIES" TOOK OVER BASRAH AND OTHER TOWNS AT
NIGHT, WHILE GOVERNMENT FORCES REMAINED IN THEIR FORTIFICATIONS

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(b)(1),1.4 (c) CLAIMED THAT THE 21 APRIL SHOOTING INCIDENT AT
THE CUKURCA REFUGEE CAMP WAS PROVOKED BY A CROWD OF REFUGEES WHO
THREW ROCKS, INJURING A BATTALION COMMANDER AND THE REGIONAL
GOVERNOR AS WELL AS OTHER SOLDIERS. COMMENT:

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

8. ~~(S/NF)~~ EUROPEAN RELIEF EFFORTS. THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF ROYAL
NETHERLANDS MARINES ARRIVED IN TURKEY ON THE 23D. THE 13TH COMPANY
OF THE 3D BATTALION WAS TRANSPORTED ABOARD (b)(1),1.4 (c) AIRCRAFT, AND THE
REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION WILL ARRIVE ON THE 27TH ABOARD FIVE

(b)(1),1.4 (d)

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CHARTERED (b)(1),1.4 (d) AIRCRAFT. (b)(1),1.4 (d) HAS REPORTEDLY (b)(1),1.4 (d)
DECIDED TO SEND A 600-MAN FORCE ON 25 TO 26 APRIL TO ASSIST IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITY ZONE FOR THE KURDS IN NORTHERN IRAQ.
THE FORCE COMPOSED OF THREE RIFLE COMPANIES AND AN ENGINEER
COMPANY, WILL BE SUPPLIED BY HELICOPTERS, TRUCKS, AND A FIELD
HOSPITAL (b)(1),1.4 (d) WILL ALSO SEND A C-130 LOADED WITH BLANKETS, (b)(1),1.4 (d)
TENTS, AND TEN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO TURKEY ON 28 APRIL. THE
(b)(1),1.4 (d) HAS ALSO AGREED TO JOIN THE RELIEF EFFORT.
CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL HAS CALLED FOR THE BUNDESWEHR TO HELP BUILD
CAMPS FOR THE KURDS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN AIRLIFT WHICH SHOULD BE

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REMAINDER OF HIS UNIT WERE CONFINED TO THE AIRPORT.

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THE
FORCE WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED ON 23 APRIL, BUT TEHRAN REQUESTED
THAT NO ADDITIONAL BE SENT.

10. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE HAVE THUS FAR PROVIDED TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT

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TO SUPPORT EC OPERATIONS IN IRAN, AND FOUR G-222 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORT IN TURKEY. ADDITIONALLY,
THE ARMY IS PREPARING TO SEND A 500-MAN FORCE COMPOSED OF
AIRBORNE TROOPS, AN ENGINEER COMPANY, A HELICOPTER UNIT, AND A FIELD
HOSPITAL. HOWEVER, THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME DEBATE WITHIN THE
GOVERNMENT AS TO WHERE THE UNIT SHOULD BE DEPLOYED. ACCORDING TO

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

11. (C) POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. ON 23 APRIL, BAGHDAD
ANNOUNCED A DECISION OF THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) TO
RETURN LEGAL AUTHORITY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AS SPECIFIED IN
THE IRAQI CONSTITUTION. THE RCC DECIDED IN 1969 THAT THE COUNCIL'S
POWERS WOULD BE DELEGATED TO THE PRESIDENT. COMMENT:

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

12. ~~(C/NF)~~ KUWAITI SITUATION. AFTER MEETING IN JERUSALEM WITH THE
US SECRETARY OF STATE ON 20 APRIL, (b)(1),1.4 (c) ASKED
US OFFICIALS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS FORMERLY

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LIVING IN KUWAIT. THE PALESTINIANS REPORTEDLY WANTED ISRAELI
PERMISSION TO RESETTLE THE DISPLACED PALESTINIANS ON THE WEST BANK
OR IN GAZA, ARGUING BOTH HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AND THE NEED FOR
SKILLED LABOR IN THESE POOR TERRITORIES. TO DATE, TEL AVIV HAS
ALLOWED ONLY PALESTINIANS WITH VALID RESIDENCE PERMITS FOR THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO RETURN, AND HAVE EXCLUDED THOSE WHOSE
PERMITS HAVE EXPIRED OR WHO WERE ABSENT WHEN ISRAEL SEIZED THE LANDS
IN 1967. COMMENT:

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

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